



Windward Y'er

Bulletin of the Windward Y Service Club
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Operation Christmas Child Fills a Great Need

When we pack our gift shoe boxes for kids at our meeting on November 2nd we will be part of huge international effort to bring joy and a Christian message to poor and needy children in countries where the smallest gift is a blessing.

“Operation Christmas Child” consists of gathering individual shoe-box packages that volunteer donees put together and getting them into the needy young hands. National collection week in the United States is November 16-23 and we are right in time for that.

It is part of the work of an international organization called Samaritan's Purse which is based on the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:30-37) in which Jesus saw a man help a hurt person that others had passed by and said “Go and do likewise.”

In recent years, we have packed 20 or more shoe boxes around this time of the year with items of clothing, toys, school supplies and other goodies that are usually unavailable to kids in the undeveloped countries the organization serves.

For some suggestions of what to include and what not to include (one pretty obvious no-no is guns

or war toys — many these kids have seen things we can't imagine) go to the part of the Samaritan's Purse website that has the description:

<http://www.samaritanpurse.org/operation-christmas-child/what-goes-in-my-shoe-box-suggestions/>

When it comes to toys, think of “items that children will immediately embrace such as toys cars,

yo-yos, jump ropes, balls,” says the website. Toys that light up or make a noise are liked but pack extra batteries because the kids on the receiving end might not have access to any

A footnote: Windward Y Service Club is the only Y Service Club in Hawaii to take on this particular project. This year's target is 20 boxes and we look all set to more than make that many.

President's Message

from Karla Redding

Aloha All –

BOO ! -The ‘procrastination’ bug has been biting. Hallo-wine is next Saturday and I haven't even thought about my costume!

I also had good intentions of getting my auction items to the Y so that's going to be happening today. The Hallo-wine team is very organized over there, and is on track to have all the auction sheets ready. If you do have a few items please drop them off directly to the Y



this weekend, they will be making up the baskets. We only have a couple of hours to decorate and set up, at 3:30. I'm going to be there by 3:00 pm..and do need about 4 helpers. Please plan to attend..it's a great event and the Windward Y's main fund-raiser. Lots of great food, wine, beer, entertainment, and great people watching..the costumes are always fun and imaginative. And of course, the auction items are always a surprise !

Reminder – Monday, Nov 2 is our shoebox packing date at our meeting. I'm bringing a few snacks for the group..thank you all for your participation and enthusiasm ...

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**Next Meeting: Monday,
November 2
6 p.m., Windward YMCA
Bring gifts and shoe boxes for .
November Focus: Brotherhood
Fund**

Windward Y Service Club
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Club Bulletin: Send items to
Editor Russ Lynch
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Our club's web page has a new
address:
<http://www.ysmenwin.com>

We meet on the first Monday of
every month at 6 p.m. in the
Windward YMCA

Club Calendar

**November Regional Focus:
Brotherhood Fund**
Regional Service Director John
Simpson, East Kauai

November 2, Monday, 6 p.m.
Club monthly meeting
Windward YMCA. Bring
gifts and shoe boxes for
Operation Christmas Child

November 7, Sat., 3:30 p.m.
Koolau Golf Course, help
decorate for Hallo-Wine

November 7, Sat., 5:30-9 p.m.
"Hallo-Wine" at Koolau

November 14, Sat., 11:30 a.m.
Metro District Mtg., Kalihi Y

November 21, Saturday, 10 a.m.
Hawaii Region Mid-Year Mtg
Ilima Hotel, Waikiki

December 12, Saturday, 10 a.m.
Run the "Go Fishing" booth at
Brunch with Santa for Prevent
Child Abuse Hawaii. Program
at Dole Cannery ends 2 p.m.

Another Successful Gifts Campaign

At our October club meeting, members brought and packaged a whole range of toiletries and other personal items as gifts for the residents of a center for abused spouses in Kailua.

Altogether, 85 toiletry bags were assembled. Because of the nature for their situation, the recipients have to remain anonymous but we have been assured that our gifts are very welcome and much appreciated.

Coordinator **Joe-Ann McCarthy** said items that were too big to fit in our small gift bags, such as shampoos, conditioners and body lotions will be donated to the Waimanalo Health Center.

Wendy Tupper at the Y had been stacking up a lot of items in the meeting room so we had plenty of gift items.

Present and pitching in to help was guest **Erin McMonigle**, 15, a junior at Kalaheo High School, Joe-Ann's niece. "She would lie to enhance her college applications with volunteer work," Joe-Ann said.

"I am hoping she will stick with us for two years and help with our various projects."

(Editor Russ got some nice pictures but managed to erase the

data card in his camera before transferring them to a computer. We'll have more chances to photograph Erin in her volunteer work, we hope.)

Convention Raffle

Our club has accepted responsibility for the raffle that is part of the next Hawaii Region Convention, to be held at the Ilima Hotel in Waikiki in mid-May.

This is a lot of work. Distributing and managing sales of the tickets is a big enough chore in itself but running the raffle also means gathering goods and services to be offered as prizes and that can be a huge task.

The raffle makes a huge difference in whether the convention runs at a profit or not so it is vitally important.

You will be hearing more on this from President **Karla Redding** and our busy Convention Committee delegates **Donna Saito** and **Joe-Ann McCarthy**.

The Convention might seem a long way off but it will come up very fast and those conducting the successful raffles for past conventions started early and were still being run off their feet throughout the convention. Be ready to help.

Inspiration

Choose my instruction instead of silver, knowledge rather than choice gold, for wisdom is more precious than rubies, and nothing you desire can compare with her.

– Proverbs 8:10-11 (NIV)

Do we see knowledge and instruction in this light? We are dazzled by the sparkle of fame and wealth, and as a result we can't see the wisdom that stands at the crossroads of our soul. Yet godly wisdom is greater than any earthly wealth, for this kind of knowledge will heal and restore the damage of bad decisions that warp our perceptions. So choose and pursue this kind of instruction, because there is nothing that compares to it...nothing.

by Dave Whitehead

Author of "Making Sense of the Bible"

Submitted by Marion Liu, Club Service Director for Christian Emphasis



November Emphasis —

Brotherhood Fund

Each year or club pays \$12.50 per member into something called the Brotherhood Fund and since the fund is the Hawaii Region's focus for November, perhaps it's time for a reminder of what it is and what it does.

This is the one that used to be funded primarily by the collection and sale of used postage stamps and out older members remember evenings soaking stamps to lift the off the paper and sorting them by size and type before sending them on to the U.S. Area. Eventually they got sold to collectors and dealers and the proceeds went into the Brotherhood Fund.

Some readers of this bulletin may be surprised to learn that 15 percent of the annual funding for the Brotherhood Fund still comes from stamps. However the main source of money is cash.

So, what's it all for?

The fund is administered at the international level, primarily to help pay for international travel by what is known as "Brotherhood Fund Delegates." This can be any Y's Men or Y's Women in good standing but there is an emphasis on developing future leaders.

The visitors are generally home-stayed and hosted by local clubs in their destination area. Delegates from within the U.S. Area get to travel overseas and international travelers get to come to the United States. Hawaii has hosted several BF delegates over the years.

One important use of the funds, which has been valuable to Hawaii because of our geography of scattered islands, is that funds can be used within an area to help pay for travel for training.

Money is limited and so are the travel opportunities but the Fund occasionally comes in handy. The Hawaii Region's service director for Brotherhood Fund is John Simpson of the East Kauai Y's Men's Club.

Prevent Child Abuse Event is Near

As you can see from the poster above, it's getting close to time for the "Brunch with Santa" event, which is the big annual fund-raiser for Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii.

Once again we are offering to run the fishing booth for kids.

Like last year, the event is at the Pomaikai Ballrooms in Dole Cannery and because the game and activities booths are separate from the main dining/events room, the activity is nonstop on Saturday, December 12, from setting up before the 10 a.m. start right through until the 2 p.m. end.

We'll have our crew there setting up, hooking the "catch" on to the lines, making sure the kids get their prizes and get their cards stamped and taking down the booth after the event is done.

It's hard work but it is for a really good cause. **Aileen Deese**, executive director of Prevent Child Abuse, says she and her board of directors always appreciate the work of volunteers such as our club members.

Aileen is well known to us as a member of the board of managers of the Windward YMCA (and as Marion Liu's niece).

Prevent Child Abuse Hawaii was started by a group of human service providers who became convinced the community needed a voice dedicated to child abuse

and neglect. In 1982, this group became the Hawaii Chapter of Prevent Child Abuse America and in 1987, became a participating agency of Aloha United Way.

The organization describes itself as "a private non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of child abuse in all its forms and to ensuring that every child in the state of Hawaii is able to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment."

There will be more information before the event about our participation.

Hawaii Region News —

Champ Ono Passes at 93

Many of new and loved Champ Ono, the feisty ex-educator who joined the East Kauai Y's Men's Club as a charter member in 1950.

We are saddened to report that Champ died on October 6 of natural causes on Kauai at age 93.

Champ was active in Y'sdom until the very end of his life. He served three times as club president and three times as District Governor of the Orchid-Valley-Garden District.

Champ was also a member of the board of his local YMCA for 24 years. He is sadly missed. Services will be held November 7 at Lihue Christian Church.

What's Online

A great deal of information of use to our club members is available online and here some of the useful links:

Our club web page (needs updating): <http://www.ysmenwin.com>

Hawaii Region website: <http://ysmenhawaii.org>

Hawaii Region Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ysmenhawaii/>

Windward YMCA Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/WindwardYMCA>

U.S. Area Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/yser-viceclubsUSA>

U.S. Area Website: <http://ysmenusa.com>

International website: <http://www.ysmen.org>

International Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Ys->

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"I don't care if he's a basketball! We're in love!"

Something to remember: Food! Hallo-Wine always has plenty of good hot food for attendees so it's far from being just about wine and beer. Also, Y Service Club members pay the YMCA member price of \$65.(See below.)

Support Your YMCA Join the Windward Y Service Club

We're a volunteer organization dedicated to helping the YMCA and other organizations in our community.

We meet at Windward YMCA on the first Monday of each month, at 6 p.m. in the Club Room.

Drop in and get to know us or, for more information, contact:

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We're part of an international organization that does good work all around the world for the YMCA and others.

Club membership is free for your first year.

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**Windward YMCA's 12th Annual Hallo-Wine
Wine & Beer Tasting and Benefit Auction**

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2015
5:30-9:00PM

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